

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, August 8, 2005 at 1:00 PM
and continuing Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 1:00 PM
(Approved 09-26-2005)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Cynthia Brunner	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 5th of August 2005. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by all

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 13. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to authorize the office the Webb County Attorney to negotiate an inter-local agreement with United Independent School District (UISD) for the participation by Webb County in the band development program for J.B. Alexander High School.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner stated that the J.B. Alexander High School Marching Band was chosen to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. She stated that they were selected from over 100 applicants and are only one of four high school bands that will participate. She stated that approximately 250 students will participate. She stated that she would like to appropriate \$5,000 from Precinct 4 funds as well as from Judge Bruni's funds for this agreement.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

U.I.S.D. Superintendent Roberto Santos was present to address the court. He stated that the students would not only be representing U.I.S.D. and Alexander High School but the City of Laredo, Webb County and the State of Texas. Mr. Roger Duran, Alexander Band Director, stated that it was humbling to see how the court has come forward to assist their program.

Item No. 4 Approval of minutes – July 11, 2005

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, presented his monthly report ending July 30, 2005. He stated that the Hotel/Motel Fund was now in the positive and should remain so for the remainder of the year. He stated that the Employee Health Benefit Fund currently has a deficit of \$2.2 million and there are still two months remaining in the fiscal year. He stated that there are some monies available in the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund to try and zero out the account. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that all premiums and claims have been paid and that this is an internal fund that has been taken into account in fund balance. Mr. Flores stated that the County jail is currently over budget by \$1.1 million and hopes that the inmate count will increase to try to lower this deficit. He stated that the intent of the contract with Frio County to house inmates was to free up beds for federal inmates. He stated that the per diem rate paid to Frio County is approximately \$36 while the per diem rate received for federal inmates is approximately \$48. Mr. Rick Flores, County Sheriff, stated that Webb County is getting bigger geographically and needs to transfer inmates to other jails due to extensive terms. He stated that he would prefer to have those beds open for federal inmates. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that the sales tax revenue is currently over budget by approximately \$721,800 from the prior fiscal year. He stated that the departmental revenues continue to be higher than the expenditures and stated that for every 1% more revenues than expenditures, the county saves approximately \$500,000. He also stated that he has been having some problems in collecting excess travel funds from some employees. He stated that he would look into possibly withholding their pay until their account is cleared. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner questioned whether the county was getting reimbursed for cell phone usage overages. Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, stated that they were getting reimbursed.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept the Auditor's Report. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk, stated that she had signed up to address the audio system at Commissioners Court but had already spoken with Mr. Paul De La Peña, M.I.S. Director, and everything had been worked out.

Judge Bruni congratulated Mr. Roberto Santos for being appointed the new superintendent for U.I.S.D. He stated that he looked forward to seeing the district move forward. He also advised the public of the county's new website (<http://www.webbcountytx.gov>).

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, stated that the new legislature brought about many new changes. She stated that she will be meeting with Mr. Raul Casso and Mr. Carlos Villarreal regarding the new changes. She stated that her office is now required to provide each taxpayer with a five year history on the taxes levied against their property. She stated that they will also include the percentage of increase or decrease on the property value and tax rate during that five year period. She stated that the \$300,000 needed to upgrade the system will be coming from her VIT Fund and will coordinate with the system vendor to schedule the needed upgrade for the 18th or 19th of August. She stated that her office will be closed on the day of the upgrade.

Comr. Sciaraffa thanked Mr. Oscar Muñoz, TAMIU Colonias program, for providing computers for the Rio Bravo and El Cenizo Community Centers. He stated that internet service is now available at those centers. He stated that they will begin construction of a library and activity center at those centers.

Comr. Gutierrez stated that the TAMIU Colonias program has provided computers for several community centers and thanked them for that assistance.

Comr. Cortez-Brunner stated that the Rotary Club provided school supplies that were distributed at two health fairs held this past weekend.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

Mr. Jesus M. Sanchez was present to address Item No. 7. He stated that he has been coming to the Commissioners Court meetings for over 18 years and feels that there has been a lot of disrespect amongst members of the court. He stated that at a prior meeting, several of the protestors were very aggressive towards one person and feels that it should not have been permitted. He stated that only those items on the agenda should be addressed.

Mr. Charles Martin was present to address Item No. 7 and No.10. He stated that there have been promising developments on school properties and stated that there was a potential for water production at the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer. He stated that there is a need to develop water for the residents of Webb County and stated that the cheapest method was from the river. He stated that water towers and elevated storage tanks needed to be constructed. He stated that the city's project of 45 miles of pipeline has died but stated that the county lands are in a good spot. He stated that it would be expensive to bring water to many of the residents.

Judge Bruni stated that Webb County is working on a test well and invited Mr. Martin to address this issue with him in his office.

Dr. Hector Farias was present to address Item No. 8 and the issue of monies owed by County employees presented by Mr. Leo Flores. He stated that Judge Vasquez needed to be included in the list since he has failed to repay the county money that he owes from Social Security taxes paid on his behalf by the county. He stated that Item No. 8 only addresses farmers affected but stated that international trade should also be included. He stated that he is in support of doing something about the drought situation and that the item should be addressed by the International Trade Advisory Committee. He stated that he does not agree with the composition of the committee. He stated that the rail district board also needs help. He stated that if a workable committee is not made, they will not attend the meetings and will not serve on the committee. He stated that time should not be wasted on a politicized committee.

Judge Bruni stated that Ms. Maria T. Gutierrez had signed up under Public Comments to address an issue currently under investigation. He stated that he was advised by the County Attorney that this item cannot be addressed since it is under investigation.

Ms. Maria T. Gutierrez was present to address the court. She thanked the judge for allowing the public to speak. She stated that she has always been respected by the court and that she has never been disrespectful. She stated that the incident brought up by Mr. Sanchez regarding a dispute amongst those protesting at the last meeting was misleading. She stated that the person who stomped on the sign was a lady sitting next to Mrs. Sylvia Palumbo named Edith.

Ms. Marisol Garza was present to address Item No. 13. She stated that it was important that the public is given an opportunity to address their concerns before the court. She thanked Cmr. Cortez-Brunner for her donation of funds and scheduling of garbage pick up. She stated that there was a shooting recently at the colonia and stated that though it is far from the city limits, it took five calls and an hour and a half for a sheriff's deputy to arrive.

Mr. Israel Morales Reyna was present to address Item No.12. He stated that he represented ABC, Inc. and would like to address the court when the item came up.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to move up Item No. 12. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer to advertise "Request for Proposals - Design Build" for the construction of the El Cenizo Public Library.

Mr. Israel Morales Reyna was present to address Item No.12. He stated that he represented ABC, Inc., a non profit organization whose main goal is to construct a library in El Cenizo. He stated that the City of El Cenizo transferred part of their

property to ABC, Inc. and that they are now at the build state. He stated that an architect has worked on this project on a pro-bono basis and will continue to do so. Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that this item was more of an information item than action. He stated that there is no need to go out for RFPs since their architect is doing the work pro-bono. He recommended that no action be taken and that he will keep the court up to date on this project.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table Item No. 12. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 8 Discussion and possible action to adopt a Commissioners Court resolution and order declaring Webb County as a disaster county as per USDA Flash Situation Report for the current drought situation showing a disaster period from December 1, 2004 to the present and continuing, and granting the Webb County Emergency Board authorization to request FSA Livestock Feed Program (Livestock compensation Program (LCP and/or Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), FSA Emergency Credit and FSA Emergency Grazing (CP) to aid producers with their losses as a result of the ongoing drought.

Judge Bruni stated that Webb County has been in an extreme drought. He stated that the rain enhancement project is on going and requested the court's support on this proclamation.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 9 Status report on Youth Village project, land acquisition, project timetables, with discussion and possible action to direct staff to take measures as necessary to keep the project on schedule, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, was present to address the court. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Board approved the plat at their July meeting. He stated that they would be coming before the court to request bids during the September 12 meeting. He stated that the approval of the plat resulted in a two month delay for the project. He stated that the plans are 99.98% complete and does not see foresee any additional delays. He stated that they would break ground on the project within 10 days of the contract approval.

- Item No. 10 Status report on the drilling of a water well on the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer by R.W. Harden and Associates.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, was present to address the court. He stated that the documentation is ready and it would take approximately 60 days to begin drilling.

- Item No. 11 Status report on current county policy regarding safety training program(s), the manner of their implementation by departments, with discussion and possible action to direct staff to update the policy so as to meet with today's industry standards, and to direct departments heads to strictly enforce the policy, and any other matters incident thereto.

Judge Bruni stated that the current policy is old and antiquated. Ms. Cynthia Mares, Risk Manager, stated that her office is working on updating the policy. She stated that she will bring this item back to court once it has been completed to address any policy changes.

- Item No. 14 Discussion and possible action to transfer funds from slot #550 to #1981, and make appropriate adjustments.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the back up for this item was self-explanatory. She stated that the request was to increase Slot 550 and decrease 1981.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to accept a Comprehensive STEP grant program award from the Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT) in the amount of \$31,940 for overtime enforcement hours for the enforcement of traffic safety violations with an in-kind match of \$18,304 for mileage and fringe benefits and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Comprehensive STEP grant program.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rick Flores, County Sheriff, stated that the cash match for this grant would be coming from his Professional Services account.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to move up Item No. 21. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to enter into a two (2) year (September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007) Data Processing Services and Licensing Agreement with Indigent Healthcare Solutions, Ltd. which will assist the Sheriff in processing inmate medical bills and give the sheriff the ability to reduce costs of Inmate indigent services. The monthly cost of the service is ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,055.00) for a total cost of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$25,320.00) over the term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
[Requested by Webb County Sheriff, Account No. 696-4101-8801 (Capital Outlay-Series 2002)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. J.J. Gonzalez, Sheriff's Department, stated that account 696-4101-8801 would be used to pay for this agreement until the end of September only. After September, the monies would be from Professional Services.

Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action to approve payment by Webb County Community Action Agency of a total of \$8,855.61 to the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, Energy Section, for disallowed expenditures made by the Weatherization Program.

Mr. Roberto Martinez, Interim CAA Director, stated that the correct amount should be \$3,200.00. He stated that Ms. Betty Coven from the TDHCA reviewed the findings and found that the county was only liable for \$3,200.00. He stated that since this could not be paid using grant monies, he requested that the funds come from Payroll. He stated that there was a cushion available as per Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to contest the findings and that updates be brought to the court. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Laredo for the Villa Alegre Head Start Center located at Baltimore and Eagle Pass for a period of two (2) years (June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2007), with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at a monthly rate of SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Laredo for the Tatangelo Head Start Center located at 2400 South Jarvis, for a period of two (2) years (June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2007), with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at a monthly rate of FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$525.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Laredo for the Jesus Garcia Head Start Center located at 2518 Cedar, for a period of two (2) years (June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2007), with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at a monthly rate of FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$575.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to enter into Medical Health Services Agreement for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of two years, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Providers:
Dr. Miguel Cavazos – 09/01/2005 through 08/31/2007
and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant document.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to enter into an "EZ Access Application Software User-Based Annual Renewal Support Services Agreement" with Easy Access, Inc. and the Webb County Tax Office for a period of twelve (12) months (09/09/05 through 09/08/06) for an annual fee of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$10,817) and to authorize the Tax Assessor-Collector to sign all relevant documents thereof.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to approve request from the Tax Assessor- Collector's Office, Dept. 0700:
Refund due as follows:

Conдумex, Inc.
2590 114th St. #200, Grand Prairie, TX 75050-6418
Acct. # 801-03000-650
Reason: Exempt
Total Refund: \$2,870.95

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Final Payment and Retainage to FMG Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$44,860.77 for the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2 Place 1 & 2 building.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Final Payment and Retainage to Turner Collie & Braden in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the Highway 59 Facilities Plan Project.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-4101-6022	Professional Services	\$ 1,670.00
To:	001-4101-6005	Postage	\$ 670.00
	001-4101-6403	Repairs & Maintenance Vehicle	\$ 1,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 1,670.00

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	6010	Books and Subscriptions	\$1500.00
To:	6205	Materials and Supplies	\$1500.00

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to authorize the M.I.S. Director to obtain cellular services with 800 minutes with Verizon Wireless.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that the minutes allotted per department head vary according to what is authorized by the court. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that most start at 500-600 minutes. He stated that Mr. De La Peña can be started at 500 minutes and if additional minutes are needed, he can come before the court.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to allot the M.I.S. Director 500 cellular minutes. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-0500-6402	Equipment Maintenance	
To:	001-0500-6010	Books & Subscriptions	\$10,400.00
From:	001-0500-6402	Equipment Maintenance	
To:	001-0500-6402	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00

Mr. Paul De La Peña, M.I.S. Director, stated that the monies being transferred are needed for current licensing agreements and subscriptions such as MacAfee and Websense. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that the back up information was very different from the item shown on the agenda. Judge Bruni recommended that this item be brought back at the next meeting so that it can be clarified.

Judge Bruni motioned to table Item No. 29. Comr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30 Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary and Final Plat Approval of the Maria Luisa Drive Right-of-Way Dedication Plat.

Comr. Gutierrez stated that based on the back up information, everything is in order. He stated that this item was being requested by U.I.S.D.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Rafael Vidaurri, Planning Department, stated that the Final Plat was approved by the Planning Board on August 1, 2005.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to purchase six (6) computers and four (4) printers for J.P. Judge Pct. Two, Place One, in the amount of \$10,958.30 from Valcom Computer Center. Technology Fee, Acct. # 016-1042-8801, Bal. \$16,000.00.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to award/reject the following proposals and bid:

2005-67	Two Way Radios for Head Start Centers
P-2005-10	Architectural Services for the former Community Restitution Center
P-2005-11	Architectural Services for the Penitas West Community Center
P-2005-12	Engineering Services for Proposed Morgue Site on Hwy 59

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, made the following recommendations to the court:

P-2005-10	Frank Architects
P-2005-11	Architects Plus
P-2005-12	Requested that this item be deferred
P-2005-67	Tri County Communications

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to accept Mr. Ramirez's recommendations for P-2005-10, P-2005-11 and bid 2005-67 and defer P-2005-12. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to issue a purchase contract to International Floor Covering to remove and dispose tile and carpet and install new rubber tile in the amount of \$16,398.00 for the Jorge De La Garza Head Start Center

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to purchase (12) twelve tactical vests in the amount of \$22,500.00 from Code Blue Police Supply for the Laredo Webb County Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force, from criminal Grant Funds Acc # 297- 1100-8410.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Trinity Consulting Company for the exploration of flexible base (caliche) at the Webb County School Lands off Hwy 359 in the amount of \$12,400.00. Acc # 001-0109-6022, bal. \$14,323.27.

Judge Bruni motioned to table Item No. 35. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to add a flexible base (caliche) contract to El Tajo Ranch, Bertha D. Alderete, Hebbronville, TX: a. Price per cubic yard picked up by Webb County with county front loader, \$1.45 per cubic yard. Ranch location, El Tajo Ranch is located 11 miles North East of Bruni, TX, adjacent to Fm. Rd. 2050.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Judge Bruni stated that the material was stockpiled and had been tested to meet TXDOT specifications. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that this item was requested by Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent, in order to be able to add additional locations for use when working in nearby areas.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action to authorize the award of purchase order contract to Andy's Auto Air in the amount of \$6,300.00 for the repair of the A/C Unit for 1993 GMC Bus from the Webb County Head Start Center.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion with discussion.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that this vehicle was from 1993 and stated that the county needed to start looking into possibly replacing the older vehicles instead of going into high dollar repairs. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that this bus has a 120K BTU air conditioner with two evaporators. He stated that the evaporator burned out and is the reason for the high cost of the repair. He stated that Ms. Eliza Oliveros, Head Start Director, is preparing her fleet for the beginning of school year. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that he would come back to the court with a report on the bus fleet to include the repairs made within the last two years within thirty days.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action to solicit bids for the following housing rehabilitation for the Economic Development Department.

Antonio Macias
1214 Espejo Molina Rd.
Rio Bravo, TX 78046

Alejandra Ramos
1222 Espejo Molina Rd.
Rio Bravo, TX 78046

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action, including the authority to settle property damage claim of Sandra Cantu resulting from a motor vehicle accident which occurred on June 21, 2005 involving a Head Start employee.

Judge Bruni motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Risk Manager, stated that the recommended settlement would not exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 40 Adjournment

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.